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San Jose Harbor

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X. In June 1954, it was reported paragraph 10. of [redacted] that the British flag ship SPRINGJORD had been sunk at anchorage at San Jose. The SPRINGJORD was bombed, but the ship was not sunk. All ~~the~~ the cargo was burned, and a claim for over one million dollars has been entered for this loss. The ship is a total loss and is a derelict that constitutes a hazard to navigation. Port authorities at San Jose requested that we tow the SPRINGJORD out to sea and sink it, ~~which we~~ but we declined. If the SPRINGJORD does sink in its present position it will constitute a more serious hazard to navigation.

Note: On file in CIA Graphics Register are five photographs showing bomb damage of the SPRINGJORD, which were taken late in August 1954.

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unaccessioned photographs attached.

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